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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Election of the Bureau

1. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 1994 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 1994 should be the representative of a member of the Western European and other States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

3. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 25 January 1994 for the election of the Bureau.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

4. Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the selection of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

5. The attention of the Council is drawn to annex II of General Assembly resolution 48/162, in particular section D, which sets out the agenda for the substantive session of the Council. The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the indications therein and with other relevant legislative decisions.

6. In addition to adopting the agenda, the Council may wish to consider under this item the questions set out below.

Dates of the special session of the Statistical Commission

7. The special session of the Statistical Commission is scheduled to be held at Headquarters from 22 to 25 February 1994. The Commission has requested that the session be held from 11 to 15 April 1994.

Dates of the thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

8. The thirty-seventh session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs is scheduled to be held at Vienna from 11 to 20 April 1994. The secretariat of the Commission has requested that the session be held from 13 to 22 April 1994.

Dates of the second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development

9. The second session of the Commission on Sustainable Development is scheduled to take place from 16 to 27 May or to 3 June 1994. It is suggested that the session be held from 16 May to 1 June 1994, with the high-level segment to take place on 31 May and 1 June.

Dates and venue of the seventeenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination

10. The seventeenth session of the Working Group on International Statistical Programmes and Coordination is scheduled to be held in Geneva in the second half of 1994. The Working Group has requested that the session be held at Headquarters from 6 to 9 September 1994.

Dates of the seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

11. The seventh meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters was scheduled to take place in the second half of 1993. The Group of Experts has requested that the meeting be held in the second half of 1995.

Item 3. Basic programme of work of the Council

12. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

13. The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1994 and 1995 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

14. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1994 and 1995 (E/1994/1 and Add.1)

Proposals by the Bureau of the Council on the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1994 and 1995

Item 4. Elections, nominations and confirmations

Elections

Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund

15. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, the Council will be called upon to elect 36 members to the new Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Children's Fund. The regional allocation of seats on each Executive Board is as follows:

(a) Eight seats for African States;

(b) Seven seats for Asian States;

(c) Four seats for Eastern European States;

(d) Five seats for Latin American and Caribbean States;

(e) Twelve seats for Western European and other States (including Japan).

The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the question (E/1994/6).

Postponed elections

16. The Council will also be called upon to hold elections, postponed from previous sessions, to the following bodies:

Population Commission

From African States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

From Western European and other States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election.

Committee on Natural Resources

From Asian States: two experts for a term beginning on the date of election.

Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development

From African States: four experts for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Commission on Transnational Corporations (E/1994/L.3)

(a) From African States: three members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996;

(b) From Asian States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996 and one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995;

(c) From Western European and other States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (E/1994/L.4)

(a) From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Nominations

World Food Council

17. The nomination of two members was postponed. The Council will therefore be called upon to nominate, for election by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session, two members, as follows:

(a) From Eastern European States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996;

(b) From Western European and other States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Confirmations

18. The Secretary-General will submit for confirmation by the Council the names of persons nominated to serve as representatives on the functional commissions of the Council since the close of the organizational session for 1993 (E/1994/3 and addenda).

Annex

MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL FOR 1994

	Term expires on 31 December
Angola	1994
Australia	1994
Bahamas	1995
Bangladesh	1994
Belarus	1994
Belgium	1994
Benin	1994
Bhutan	1995
Brazil	1994
Bulgaria	1996
Canada	1995
Chile	1996
China	1995
Colombia	1994
Costa Rica	1996
Cuba	1995
Denmark	1995
Egypt	1996
Ethiopia	1994
France	1996
Gabon	1995
Germany	1996
Ghana	1996
Greece	1996
India	1994
Indonesia	1996
Ireland	1996
Italy	1994
Japan	1996
Kuwait	1994
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1995
Madagascar	1994
Mexico	1995
Nigeria	1995
Norway	1995
Pakistan	1996
Paraguay	1996
Philippines	1994
Poland	1994
Portugal	1996
Republic of Korea	1995
Romania	1995
Russian Federation	1995
Senegal	1996
Sri Lanka	1995
Suriname	1994
Swaziland	1994
Ukraine	1995
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1995
United Republic of Tanzania	1996
United States of America	1994
Venezuela	1996
Zaire	1995
Zimbabwe	1996